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VARIABLE OPTICAL ATTENUATORS

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated July 15, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes Remarks.